

Mr. George Bowers was the Minister of the charge at that time.

In 1955, the church porch was renovated. New doors were added, also a plaque was placed above with the inscription "Purple Valley United Church".

In 1956, a tile floor was installed in the church. The present minister of the charge is Rev. J. L. McFadden.

Rev. J. L. McFadden left in November 1959.

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Streick were here December 1959 - June 1960.

Rev. & Mrs. Wm. Reid came July 1960, left July 1963.

An oil furnace was installed in July 1960.

Mr. & Mrs. John Crawford came August 1963, left June 1968.

A new roof was installed 1963.

Rev. Norma Secord came July 1968.

A hymnary board was installed in the church June 1968 in memorium of Mrs. C. H. Gilbert from her many friends in Purple Valley.

#### THE PURPLE VALLEY ORANGE LODGE: ITS BEGINNINGS

The first settlers of what is now Purple Valley were all enthusiastic Orangemen; in fact, the Watchorn brothers, John and Charles, and their sons, Webster John's son and Thomas, William, and Henry Charles' sons originated from Northern Ireland, the birthplace of Orangeism. Therefore, one of the first things they did was organize an Orange Lodge.

At first, Lodge meetings were held at Colpoys Bay, but a few years later, in 1871, a school was erected at Purple Valley. This building came to serve the community as a school, as a church, and as an Orange Hall.

The school house had long wooden benches with desks in front and in one corner upon a bracket shelf near the ceiling was a chest which was kept stoutly padlocked. In that chest, according to the Orange legend, was where the goat was kept. The same chest is on the platform of the present hall - I guess they still keep the goat there.

Lodge meetings were held in this school house until a new